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Industrial Fire Precaution Level reduced forest-wide

JOHN DAY, OR – Malheur National Forest officials will reduce the **Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) to Level III** effective 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 forest-wide.

With recent cooler temperatures across the area, the fire danger rating will also reduce to HIGH.

Phase C for Public Use Restrictions remains in effect as conditions are still extremely dry.

Under Phase C of Public Use Restrictions, campfires are not allowed, including in designated recreation sites; only liquid and bottle gas stoves and heaters are permitted. Chainsaw use is prohibited; no internal combustion engine operation is permitted, with the exception of motor vehicles.

Electrical generators are allowed only if the generator is placed in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, or is fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material. Recreational vehicles with factory installed generators must have the exhaust discharge centered in a 10 foot diameter area that is cleared of all flammable material.

Also under Phase C, off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material is not allowed. There is no vehicle travel on forest service roads that are closed as identified in a Fire Closure Order.

Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area cleared of all flammable material.

Please use caution and think fire prevention when recreating in the forest.

The public is responsible for knowing if restrictions are in place and can obtain information through many avenues:

Call the Forest's offices or District offices at:

- Malheur National Forest Supervisors/Blue Mountain Ranger District Offices: 541-575-3000,
- Prairie City Ranger District: 541-820-3800,
- Emigrant Creek Ranger District: 541-573-4300.

For further information on the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at
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